

HOUSE BILL 948

By Boyd

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 2 and
Title 15, relative to Tennessee Lineworker
Appreciation Day.

WHEREAS, the electric lineworker profession is steeped in personal, family, and
professional tradition; and

WHEREAS, the daily efforts of our lineworkers provide Tennesseans with industry-
leading and reliable electric services; and

WHEREAS, lineworkers are often first responders during storms and other catastrophic
events, working to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes; and

WHEREAS, lineworkers work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines
twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year, to keep electricity flowing; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of this State are grateful to the nation's 117,000 power line
workers for their heroic service in keeping electrical systems strong; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee electric cooperatives and other utilities could not serve
Tennesseans without the brave individuals who work in this profession; and

WHEREAS, lineworkers must often work under dangerous conditions far from their
families to construct and maintain the energy infrastructure of this State; and

WHEREAS, lineworkers risk their lives every day without requiring recognition from the
community regarding the danger of their work; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee lineworkers, as well as lineworkers from across the nation,
deserve a special day of recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Electric Cooperative Association and the National Rural
Electric Cooperative Association designated the second Monday in April each year as a day of

celebration in support of the lineworkers in Tennessee and across the country and to educate the public about the essential work of those engaged in the lineworker profession; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

The second Monday in April of each year is designated as "Tennessee Lineworker Appreciation Day," to honor and recognize lineworkers for their estimable work in providing for the safety and well-being of this state's citizens. This day is not a legal holiday as defined in § 15-1-101.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.